

Officer Bryan Cox  
July 25, 2017

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

ISAIAH LLOYD, )  
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Plaintiff,      )  
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      - vs -     ) 16 CV 7475  
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CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER ROCCO    )  
PRUGER, STAR #15445; CHICAGO     ) Judge Pallmeyer  
OFFICER PETER THEODORE,          )  
STAR #10523; CHICAGO POLICE     ) Mag. Finnegan  
OFFICER BRYAN COX, STAR #19328; )  
CHICAGO POLICE DETECTIVE KENNETH)  
PISANO, STAR #20205; CHICAGO    )  
POLICE DETECTIVE STEPHEN GRZENIA)  
STAR #20710; OTHER UNKNOWN     )  
CHICAGO POLICE OFFICERS; LAUREN )  
BRIDGER; and THE CITY OF CHICAGO)  
a Municipal Corporation,        )  
                  )  
Defendants.       )

The Discovery Deposition of

OFFICER BRYAN COX

taken in the above-entitled cause, before BERNA  
DAVIS, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in the State  
of Illinois, taken at The Law Offices of Jeffrey  
J. Neslund, 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3710,  
Chicago, Illinois, 60606, on the 25th day of July,  
A.D., 2017, commencing at approximately 1:07 p.m.

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<p>1       <b>A As you turned in it would have been --</b>      2              <b>If you're looking east we would</b>      3      <b>have been west of this red car and the van.</b>      4              MR. NESLUND: Okay. Let me get some      5              photographs.      6              (WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1 was      7              marked for identification and      8              tendered to the witness.)      9      BY MR. NESLUND:      10     Q Okay. Officer, showing you what we have      11    marked as Exhibit 1 for your deposition, do you      12    recognize that as the BP gas station where the      13    arrest of Mr. Lloyd took place?      14     A Yes.      15     Q All right. And just to get my bearings      16    straight, which street runs along the bottom here?      17     A That's Independence.      18     Q That's Independence.      19     And then Harrison runs east-west      20    on the left side of the photograph?      21     A Correct.      22     Q All right. Your car, I think you told      23    me you came off of Independence and then you      24    stopped. I know it's kind of hard to see.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1       <b>A It would have been somewhere in here</b>      2      (indicating).      3              Q Okay. And then if you can put maybe      4              another square -- and we'll put maybe an X inside      5              the square for your squad car when it came to a      6              stop.      7              (Witness complies.)      8      BY MR. NESLUND:      9              Q Okay. So your car, when it came to a      10    stop --      11     MR. NESLUND: And, for the record,      12    Officer Cox has put a square with an X between      13    where the red car was and the square he made for      14    the van. Is that correct?      15     THE WITNESS: Correct.      16     BY MR. NESLUND:      17     Q All right. And your car was facing, it      18    would have been eastbound?      19     A Yes, east.      20     Q Okay. Once Mr. Lloyd is placed in      21    handcuffs is he placed inside your car? Is he --      22     Well, what happens to Mr. Lloyd      23    after he's cuffed?      24     A He's detained with the other individuals</p>
<p>19</p> <p>1       There's a bunch of gas -- what do you call      2      them? -- different stations, I guess. Where was      3      the red car parked?      4     <b>A Right where that white SUV, or whatever</b>      5      <b>this van is right here (indicating).</b>      6     Q Okay. You can go ahead and just circle      7      that if you can.      8     <b>A Circle the car?</b>      9     Q Yeah. Where the red car was.      10     (Witness complies.)      11     MR. NESLUND: Let the record reflect      12    Officer Cox has circled the white, it looks like a      13    station wagon, whatever the white vehicle is, on      14    the far right gas pump. Is that correct?      15     THE WITNESS: Correct.      16     BY MR. NESLUND:      17     Q And Mr. Lloyd, you told me already, was      18    somewhere between the gas pump and the car when      19    you first observed him; right?      20     A Correct.      21     Q All right. And then if you take the      22    black marker and draw, like, a square in the      23    approximate location of the van, where was the      24    van?</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1       <b>that were associated with the van.</b>      2     Q All right. And they were also      3      handcuffed?      4     A They were.      5     Q Okay. All right do you remember who      6      actually cuffed Mr. Lloyd, whether it was yourself      7      or Officer Pruger or Officer Theodore?      8     A I believe it was Officer Pruger.      9     Q Okay. The other individuals, how many      10    other people that were by the van or in the van      11    were also handcuffed?      12     A About five or six.      13     Q Okay. And were they cuffed      14    individually? Were they cuffed together?      15     A They were handcuffed together.      16     Q Did you, or any of the officers that      17    were with you, did you search the van?      18     A Other officers searched the van.      19     Q Do you know who it was that searched the      20    van?      21     A I don't.      22     Q Were these uniformed officers? Plain      23    clothes?      24     A I think they were uniformed.</p>

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1       Q    Okay. And you were working in plain 2   clothes; is that correct?		1       A <b>Yes.</b>		
3       A <b>Yes.</b>		2       Q    All right. Before she arrived did you		
4       Q    Were any proceeds from the robbery, to 5   your knowledge, recovered from inside the van?		3   have any contact with the officers that brought		
6       A <b>No.</b>		4   her to the gas station?		
7       Q    All right. Let's talk about the red 8   car. Did you ever go over to where the red car		5       A <b>No.</b>		
9   was by the gas pump?		6       Q    Did you get on your radio and put out		
10      A <b>I did.</b>		7   that you had located the red car and you had		
11      Q    And was the car --		8   people in custody?		
12                  Do you remember, was it running?		9 <b>A   I don't know at this time if I did. I</b>		
13   Was it on?		10 <b>believe somebody did, but I'm not 100 percent sure</b>		
14      A <b>I don't think so.</b>		11 <b>on that.</b>		
15      Q    Okay. And did you observe any proceeds		12      Q    All right. Now, at some point after		
16   from the robbery inside the red car?		13   everybody is in cuffs, is that when -- who are --		
17      A <b>I did.</b>		14                  The other two guys, Salgado and		
18      Q    And tell me about that. What did you		15   Ramirez, arrive at some point?		
19   see?		16       A <b>Yes.</b>		
20      A <b>There were, on the passenger seat on the</b> 21 <b>red car there was a purse, cell phone, some other</b> 22 <b>miscellaneous things that were with the purse and</b> 23 <b>the phone. And there was a -- at the time there</b> 24 <b>was a handgun on there too.</b>		17      Q    Okay. Once everybody is in cuffs --		
	23		18   going back to Mr. Lloyd specifically -- was he	
1       Q    Okay. Now, did you recover the proceeds		19   ever placed in the back seat of a squad car before		
2   or the handgun from the car?		20   the identification procedure?		
3       A <b>I recovered the proceeds.</b>		21       A <b>No.</b>		
4       Q    All right. And who --		22      Q    Okay. All right. Explain to me what		
5                  This turned out to be a pellet		23   happens then when Ms. Bridger arrives. She's with		
6   gun; correct?		24   a couple of other officers; correct?		
7       A <b>Yes.</b>			25	
8       Q    But I understand it looked like a real		1       A <b>Yes.</b>		
9   gun. Would recovered that from the car?		2       Q    All right. And are they in a marked		
10      A <b>I think Officer Theodore.</b>		3   squad car?		
11      Q    All right. The other guys, the five or		4       A <b>Yes.</b>		
12   six individuals that were detained from the van,		5       Q    All right. And when the marked squad		
13   can you describe them to me at all?		6   car arrives, tell me what happens.		
14      A <b>I just remember them being younger male</b> 15 <b>Blacks, you know, like early 20s.</b>		7 <b>A   The marked squad car shows up with the</b> 8 <b>victim. Officer Pruger goes and talks with the</b> 9 <b>officers that had the victim.</b>		
16      Q    Anything about the clothing or hairstyle		10      Q    All right. Let me stop you there.		
17   that you remember?		11                  Where were you when Officer		
18      A <b>No. There were numerous. I don't</b> 19 <b>remember if they all had --</b>		12   Pruger went and talked with those officers?		
20 <b>I know they all didn't have</b> 21 <b>short hair and they all didn't have braids. It</b> 22 <b>was mixed.</b>		13       A <b>I was over by the van.</b>		
23      Q    Now, eventually Ms. Bridger, the victim,		14      Q    Okay. From where you were at the van		
24   arrives for a show-up; correct?		15   could you hear what, if anything, Pruger --		
		16   Officer Pruger was saying to the other officers		
		17   that arrived with Ms. Bridger?		
		18       A <b>No.</b>		
		19      Q    And do you remember who else was with		
		20   you by the van?		
		21 <b>A   Officer Theodore was for sure. I don't</b> 22 <b>know who else was.</b>		
		23      Q    All right. And when Officer Pruger went		
		24   to talk with the officers that arrived with		

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1	the gas station; correct?	1	<b>A No.</b>
2	<b>A Correct.</b>	2	Q I think I'm almost done.
3	Q At any time when Ms. Bridger arrived,	3	You never actually saw Mr. Lloyd
4	was Mr. Lloyd in the middle of the lot between two	4	in the car -- I think I already asked you that --
5	squad cars with the other men in handcuffs on the	5	correct?
6	ground behind him kneeling?	6	<b>A I did not see him in the car.</b>
7	<b>A No.</b>	7	Q You never saw him touch the car;
8	Q Okay. As far as the criminal case --	8	correct?
9	Well, let me back up. If it was	9	<b>A No.</b>
10	done in that manner that would be improper;	10	Q Let me ask you about when we talk about
11	correct?	11	hold for investigation.
12	MR. JOHNSON: I'm going to object to the	12	And I understand you're not a
13	extent that it calls for speculation.	13	detective; correct?
14	You can answer the question.	14	<b>A Correct.</b>
15	THE WITNESS: Yes.	15	Q But as far as when that car is held for
16	BY MR. NESLUND:	16	investigation, what is your understanding of what
17	Q And obviously suggestive; correct?	17	is going to happen next, as far as this car in
18	MR. JOHNSON: Objection to form,	18	this particular -- the investigation of this
19	foundation, legal conclusion.	19	crime?
20	You can answer.	20	MR. JOHNSON: Can I understand the
21	THE WITNESS: Correct.	21	question? When you say, "this crime," you mean
22	BY MR. NESLUND:	22	like in general or this incident?
23	Q In the criminal case, did you ever	23	MR. NESLUND: Specifically this
24	testify --	24	incident.
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1	<b>A No.</b>	1	BY MR. NESLUND:
2	Q -- in the trial or a preliminary hearing	2	Q Like, this red car that you drove and
3	or anything like that?	3	then it was held for investigation, what was your
4	<b>A No, I didn't.</b>	4	understanding of what was going to happen next?
5	Q Do you know --	5	MR. JOHNSON: I'm going to object to the
6	Did you go to the preliminary	6	form and foundation, calls for speculation.
7	hearing?	7	But you can answer the question.
8	<b>A No.</b>	8	THE WITNESS: As far as the crime part
9	Q Prior to the identification procedure --	9	of this, it's going to be -- they're going to
10	And I understand you didn't	10	check it for fingerprints, run the plate, notify
11	speak to Ms. Bridger but bear with me. Prior to	11	who the owner -- notify the owner that their car
12	the identification procedure did you ever inform	12	is here, try to determine how that car got into
13	Ms. Bridger that the offender was already	13	someone else's possession. An ET will process the
14	apprehended?	14	vehicle. And then, to my knowledge, it gets
15	<b>A No.</b>	15	returned to the owner.
16	Q Did you hear any other officer inform	16	BY MR. NESLUND:
17	Ms. Bridger that the offender was already	17	Q Okay. Do you know if any of that was
18	apprehended?	18	done in this case?
19	<b>A No, I didn't.</b>	19	<b>A After the paperwork was done, not to my</b>
20	Q Did you ever recover any proceeds from	20	<b>knowledge. I don't know.</b>
21	the van?	21	Q Okay. All right. If the description
22	<b>A No.</b>	22	from the victim was that the person who robbed her
23	Q Did you ever inform Ms. Bridger that her	23	was wearing a faded jogging suit or a hoody, and
24	proceeds were recovered from the van?	24	if Mr. Lloyd was wearing such clothing, would that

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